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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (EO TO READ GDS)

E.O. 11652 GDS

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: MOPS, CS, NU

REF: STATE 231674

SUBJECT: GON AIRCRAFT ATTAEC/SANDINISTA ATTACK

1. CARAZO CALLED ME LATE SEPTEMBER 12 ON HIS RETURN FROM LIBERIA TO ADVISE ME HE HAD GONE TO SCENE OF GON AIR ATTACK PERSONALLY AND CONFIRMED FROM PHYSICAL EVIDENCE AS WELL AS WITNESSES THAT IT OCCURED THREE KILOMETERS INSIDE COSTA RICAN BORDER. HE REPORTED THAT SEVEN GON AIRPLANES AND ONE HELICOPTER WERE INVOLVED AND THAT THERE REMAINS NO DOUBT OF THE INTENTIONAL NATURE OF THE ATTACK. FORTUNATELY THE TWO COSTA RICAN CASUALTIES SUFFERED ONLY MINOR WOUNDS.

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2. WHILE TALKING WITH CARAZO AND IN RELATION TO THE PENAS BLANCAS ADVICE CONTAINED REFTEL, CARAZO GOT A MESSAGE FROM HIS MINISTER OF INTERIOR, STILL IN LIBERIA, GIVING HIM A REPORT THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF FSLN WERE MOVING SOUTH FROM RIVAS TOWARDS THE COSTA RICAN
BORDER IN SUCH FORCE THAT THEY HAD TO BE NICARAGUAN-BASED AND COULD NOT BE THE RETURNING GROUP OF THOSE RELATIVELY FEW FSLN THAT GON

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ALLEGES (AND GOCR APPEARS TO ACCEPT), MOVED OVER THE BORDER INTO NICARAGUA FROM LA LIBERTAD FARM.

3. FOR THE MOMENT, THIS WOULD APPEAR TO BE, BARRING BETTER INFORMATION NOT LIKELY TO BE AVAILABLE BEFORE MORNING, THE SOURCE OF CONCERN REPORTED REFTEL. PRESIDENT DID INDICATE ALSO THAT LIMITED GUARD REINFORCEMENTS HAD BEEN MOVED INTO GENERAL AREA DURING COURSE OF DAY BUT WERE BEING KEPT AT SOME DISTANCE FROM ACTUAL BORDER TO AVOID ANY FURTHER INVOLVEMENT. WEISSMAN

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